

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1148
By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. William Dorsey
Johns, Jr. of Giles County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of the former Highway Superintendent of the Giles County Highway Department, William Dorsey Johns, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johns was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on February 18, 1929, Mr. Johns dedicated his life to the service and enhancement of the Giles County community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his professional career, Mr. Johns pursued his personal calling of public service through his work as the Highway Superintendent of the Giles County Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, he served in this elected position with acumen and alacrity for five terms from 1972 until 1992; his remarkable 20-year tenure was marked by his extraordinary leadership abilities and his unflagging commitment to seeking the best interests of the community; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as Highway Superintendent, he earned the unbridled respect of his peers and fellow citizens for his exemplary dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding service as Highway Superintendent, Mr. Johns also served as an active member of the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association, serving this esteemed organization in numerous leadership roles including President; and

WHEREAS, a man of impeccable character, Mr. Johns devoted his life of service to the people of Giles County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johns' outstanding career as a civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and perseverance, and his uncommon ability to relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, his civic and professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Johns was fortunate to share love and companionship with his devoted wife, Lois Johns; and

WHEREAS, a loving and devoted father, he will be greatly missed by his sons, William D. Johns III, Derris Wayne Johns and Samuel Dale Johns, his daughter, Barbara Jane Currin, his nine grandchildren, and his three great-grandsons; and

WHEREAS, William Dorsey Johns, Jr. will be lovingly remembered by the people of Giles County; and

WHEREAS, he was a gentleman who held to the highest standards of morality and decency, serving as a friend and neighbor to all those he encountered; and

WHEREAS, William Dorsey Johns, Jr. leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. William Dorsey Johns, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. William Dorsey Johns, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.